

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, December 6, 1999, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Gary Feland, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator  
Utility Division

(508) In the matter of US West Communications - D99.8.205; On August 26, 1999, US West petitioned to Detariff Toll and Operator Services. A hearing was scheduled for February 24, 1999. Due to the amount of activity going on currently for the petitioner they have requested more time on the procedural order. In order to accommodate, with out harm to intervenors, staff requests a new hearing date of March 22, 1999. Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the request for a new hearing date of March 22, 1999. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(509) In the matter of MONTANA POWER COMPANY – Docket No. D99.10.233; On October 13, 1999 MPC filed updates to its avoided cost tariff schedules QFLT-1 and STPP-1 in compliance with Order No. 5017. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the updates to the tariff schedules. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(510) In the matter of T-99.38.PCN; On September 14, 1999, Medical Transportation Services dba Northern Cheyenne Board of Health, Lame Deer, Montana, filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity. All protests have been withdrawn.

Class B – Medical patients of the Northern Cheyenne Board of Health, between all points and places in Big Horn, Flathead, Jefferson, Glacier, Roosevelt, Rosebud and Yellowstone Counties, Montana. Limitations: 1) Transportation must originate or terminate in Rosebud County. 2) Transportation in limousines is prohibited.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(511) In the matter of T-99.39.RI; On October 20, 1999 Montana Tariff Bureau, agent for and on behalf of Montana intrastate household goods, filed an application to increase rates and charges in Household Goods Tariff No. 1 on Item 265 of between 2.93% and 3.07% and on all aspects of Item 650 of between 2.08% and 5.56%. The rate increases were noticed to the public on November 4, 1999 and no protests were received. Commissioner Feland moved to approve the request for increased rates. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(512) In the matter of TN2003; Schelko, Inc. dba Silver Eagle Shuttle Company, Nashville, Tennessee requests permission to suspend PSC No. 9352 for a six month period, November 17, 1999 to May 17, 2000.

Class B - Passengers in charter service between all points and places in Yellowstone and Big Horn Counties, Montana, on the one hand, on the other all points and places in Carbon, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Yellowstone, and Big Horn Counties, Montana. Limitations: (1) Transportation is restricted to vehicles having a seating capacity of twenty-one (21) passengers or less and no more than twenty-two (22) persons in the vehicle, including the driver. (2) All transportation services must be provided in vehicles capable of transporting more than seven (7) passengers (including the driver). (3) Transportation as a jitney or taxi is prohibited. (4) Service is restricted to that provided by reservations made at least one (1) hour in advance. (5) No transportation under this authority by luxury limousine automobile.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the request for a six month suspension of PSC No. 9352. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(513) In the matter of TN2004; Clinton Erickson and Greg Eppe, a partnership dba P.A.C. Services, Conrad, Montana request permission to lease PSC No. 9411 to Underdahl Farms, Inc. dba U.F.I. Sanitation Service, Conrad, Montana for a six month period December 6, 1999 to June 6, 2000 pending completion of a sale and transfer proceeding.

Class D – Solid waste and garbage between all points and places in Glacier and Pondera Counties, Montana. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to licensed landfills from territory authorized.

Commissioner Feland moved to approve the lease for a period of six months. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, December 6, 1999 the following Quorum members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Acting Chair  
Gary Feland, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Mike Lee, Scott Fabel

(514) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Ronan Telephone – Request for Exemption – Request for Reconsideration – Docket No. D99.4.111; Commissioner McCaffree moved to deny both requests for Reconsideration, to direct staff to issue a Notice of Commission Action denying all M.F. Reconsideration and directed staff to prepare a Procedural Schedule in the Arbitration Dockets. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Acting Chair

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, December 7, 1999 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was absent but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Martin Jacobson, Dave Burchett, Joel Tierney

(515) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of City of Poplar – Waiver of (E) Master Metering Rule – Docket No. D99.11.255; Commissioner Feland moved to approve the request for the waiver. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Dave Burchett, Joel Tierney

(516) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the Final Report of Y2K – Docket No. N98.6.138; Commissioner McCaffree moved to prepare the report as final for distribution to the public. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Martin Jacobson, Dave Burchett

(517) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Energy West MT – Gas Tracker – Docket No. D99.10.243; Commissioner McCaffree moved to interim order with editing. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Martin Jacobson, Leroy Beeby

(518) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company/Shelby Gas/Cut Bank Gas – Gas Tracker – Docket Nos. D99.8.176/D99.11.247/D99.12.256/D99.12.257; Commissioner Feland moved to deny the Interim Request and to suspend the gas tracker. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe's vote was not counted on this issue due to the nature of the discussion being so different from the votes and notes he left with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE  
Robin McHugh

(519) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Multiband Communications / USWC – Interconnection Agreement – Docket No. D99.10.240; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the Interconnection Agreement. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

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Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was absent and did not vote on this item. Commissioner Rowe removed himself from this issue due to potential conflict.

APPEARANCE  
Martin Jacobson

(520) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of FCC Wireless and USF NPRM's – PSC Participation; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the reply comments as filed and file them with the FCC. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, December 9, 1999, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was absent and did not vote on the following item.

APPEARANCE  
Martin Jacobson

(521) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Shelby Gas/Cut Bank Gas/ - Gas Tracker – Interim Requests – Docket Nos. D99.8.176/D99.11.247/D99.12.256/D99.12.257; Commissioner McCaffree moved to Reconsider previous action (to deny the tracker and suspend action). Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Anderson moved to grant the interim orders in D99.11.247, D99.12.256 and D99.12.257. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Interim Order on the rate case. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)



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Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Gary Feland, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was absent, but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator  
Utility Division

(522) In the matter of CenturyTel Docket No. N99.11.254; On November 17, 1999 CenturyTel filed tariff transmittal 99-7 which will reduce it intrastate carrier access charges by \$1,302,000 to address the impacts of House Bill 128. In addition to reducing the level of intrastate access charges, this filing also implements Local Transport Restructure (LTR). The LTR being presented is consistent with CenturyTel's current interstate access rate structure. This will expand the customer's option for ordering interoffice transport for switched access service. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the filing. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(523) In the matter of TN2005 - Vance L. and Jackie L. Johnson dba V & J Taxi Service, Sidney MT request permission to suspend PSC 9394 for a final 6 month period, December 21, 1999 to June 21, 2000.

Class B - Passengers between all points and places in Richland County. Limitation:  
Transportation of passengers in limousine service is prohibited.

Commissioner Feland moved to approve the suspension for a period of six months. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Laura Calkin  
Centralized Services

(524) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the minutes for November 22, November 29, and December 6, 1999. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

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Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

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Gary Feland, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was absent, but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE  
Robin McHugh, Jay Driscoll

(525) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Northwest Comm/USWC – Interconnection Agreement; Commissioner Rowe moved to adopt and approve the Interconnection Agreement. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, December 14, 1999 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Gary Feland, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was absent, but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Janet Ellis, Kate Whitney

(526) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Communications and Essen Communications v. USWC – Complaint – Docket No. D99.10.241; Commissioner Rowe moved to order parties to file briefs over their contract billing dispute with briefs being due January 3, 2000. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(527) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D99.5.129/D99.7.172 - Extended Area Service (EAS) Billings and Great Falls Regions; Commissioner McCaffree moved to:

- A) Grant Motion to Compel: Exchange of information; number of access lines by exchange, minutes of use, and costs for USWC to provide access.
- B) Issue Order requiring USWC to provide information and issue Protective Order.
- C) Grant an Extension of Time (30 days) for Cost Analysis and Rate Design to January 28, 2000.
- D) Clarify Testimony not equivalent to Pre-Filed Testimony.

Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Wendy Fuller

(528) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of FCC CC 9645 – USF NPRM; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the filing of the draft comments with the FCC. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree, Feland and Anderson voted aye. Commissioner Rowe was called out of the office and did not vote on this item.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Wendy Fuller, Scott Fabel, Jay Driscoll

(529) In the matter of Docket D99.8.200 – USWC/Qwest Merger; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the Motions to Compel by AT&T, McLeod and Montana Consumer Counsel and set a date certain for USW/Qwest to answer (January 3, 2000). Rowe further moved to direct USWC to file a summary and

a statement by Monday, December 20, 1999 of what other states are doing with the information (super confidential information). Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree, Feland and Rowe voted aye. This was an additional work session item and Commissioner Anderson did not vote.

Commissioner Rowe moved to overrule USWC's objections to Scott-Hart-Rodino Act and moved to instruct USWC to respond to Montana Consumer Counsel's requests. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree, Feland and Rowe voted aye. Commissioner Anderson did not vote.

#### APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Mike Lee, Scott Fabel

(530) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D98.8.192 – USWC/Wholesale Discounts; Unbundled Network Collocation; Commissioner McCaffree moved to issue the Preliminary Procedural Order. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

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Gary Feland, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator  
Utility Division

(531) In the matter of SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, LP Docket N99.12.259; On December 2, 1999, Sprint Communications Company, LP filed for changes in its Montana P.S.C. Price List No. 1. The purpose of this filing is to:

Add text to Adjustments for Municipality Payments  
Add text to Rate Periods section  
Revise Sprint 1000 text  
Add text and introduce a new option to Sprint Collegiate Card  
Grandfather Residential Toll Free Service  
Add Payphone Surcharge text  
Introduce Promotional Prepaid FONCARD Service  
Introduce Business StandAlone FONCARD  
Introduce Sprint Business Flex with All Calls All Day Services  
Grandfather Optional FONCARD rate and Toll Free Rate with SCW  
Introduce Optional FONCARD Rate and Toll Free Rate with SCW II  
Revise Sprint Sense Home Office text and Introduce new options  
Decrease Per-Call Payphone Service Charge.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the price list changes. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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(532) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS – Docket N99.12.261; On December 3, 1999, US West filed Tariff Transmittal 99-62 to introduce a limited time promotional offering for business customers called, “Small Business Solutions for the Millennium Promotion”. The promotional offering includes bill credits, waiver of one-time charges, waiver of one month’s recurring charges for qualifying products. The promotion is scheduled to run from December 27, 1999 through March 17, 2000 for Business CustomChoice and from January 4, 2000 through March 17, 2000 for the other products. There is also a non-telecommunications offer included in the promotion. With the purchase of Business Voice Messaging with Caller ID the customer will receive a free Call Waiting ID Box.

Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.



(533) In the matter of U S WEST DOCKET NO. N99.12.262; On December 3, 1999, U S WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 99-63, "Residential Additional Line Promotion." The promotional offering is a \$15.00 bill credit per line for customers who subscribe to an additional flat rated residential access line, limited to two additional lines per location. The promotional period proposed is from December 27, 1999, through February 11, 2000.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(534) In the matter of Central Montana Communication, Inc. N99.12.258; On December 2, 1999, Central Montana Communication, Inc (CMC) filed tariff pages to reflect House Bill 128. In this filing CMC zone charges have been eliminated, 1 FR and 1 FB have been reduced by \$0.34 and \$0.31 and a line item credit has been created for residential one-party service of \$0.70, and business one-party and PBX service of \$5.44. CMC has modified this filing to include only the tariff pages dealing with House Bill 128 the remaining tariff changes will be addressed later.

Commissioner Feland moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt

Transportation/Centralized Services Division

(533) In the matter of N2006 -Vintage Bus Lines, Inc., Billings, Montana requests immediate cancellation of PSC No. 9400.

Class B - Passengers in charter service between all points and places in the following counties: Beaverhead, Big Horn, Broadwater, Carbon, Cascade, Deer Lodge, Fergus, Gallatin, Golden Valley, Granite, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lewis and Clark, Madison, Meagher, Missoula, Musselshell, Park, Powell, Silverbow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Treasure, Wheatland, and Yellowstone. Limitations: (1) Transportation must originate and terminate in Yellowstone County. (2) Transportation is restricted to service in vehicles with a rated seating capacity of fourteen (14) passengers or less. (3) Transportation is restricted to service in antique touring buses (Model year 1936 or older "White" buses). (4) Transportation in 1937 or newer motor coaches, buses, and limousines is prohibited. (5) Transportation in Virginia City and a two-mile radius is prohibited.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to can PSC 9400 immediately. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### APPEARANCE

Nickie Eck

Transportation/Centralized Services Division

(539) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Feland moved to approve the minutes for the week of December 13, 1999. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, December 21, 1999, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Gary Feland, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Leroy Beeby

(531) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket Nos. D99.8.176/D99.11.247/D99.12.256 and D99.12.257, Montana Power Company, Cut Bank Gas and Shelby Gas – Gas Trackers; Commissioner McCaffree moved to reaffirm our previous (December 9, 1999) action/decision of granting the Interim rate increase for the above dockets and directed staff to issue a Notice of Commission Action stating such. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, David Burchett

(532) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D99.12.276 – Midvale Water – Sale and Transfer (Pending Financial Information); Commissioner Rowe moved to direct staff to issue a Notice of the Proposed Transfer and Sale of Assets. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(533) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D99.12.273 – Mountain Water Low Income Discount; Commissioner Rowe moved to extend the low income discount for one additional year. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Will Rosquist

(534) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of L-99.7.9-RUL – Default Supplier Rulemaking; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue a Notice of Procedural Schedule with Questions, and set a date for a facilitated workshop on January 10, 2000, with comment period moved out to January 17, 2000. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(535) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D99.2.29 – Montana Dakota Utility Company – USBC Program – Request for Interim; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve MDU's request for interim approval of a USBC charge. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel

(536) In the matter of Docket Nos. N99.12.265/N99.12.266/N99.12.268/N99.12.269 and N99.12.270/N99.12.272 – House Bill 128; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariffs pending any protests the Public Service Commission may receive. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Scott Fabel

(537) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D99.8.200 - USWest/Qwest Merger; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the Motions for Reconsideration and adopt a procedure for the treatment of specially protected "Competitive Information" under Protective Order No. 6199a and conditionally grant the request to specifically protect (Scott-Hart-Rodino) and direct them to send the pink paper to Montana Consumer Counsel and the PSC in their offices and make arrangements for MCC's Washington, D.C. expert to see information in Washington, D.C. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rowe moved to issue a Motion to Limit USW's obligation to respond to AT&T similarly as McLeod. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Dan Elliott, Robin McHugh

(538) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of staff travel and personnel; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve out-of-state travel for Kate Whitney to attend the OSS Workshop in Salt Lake City on January 19-21, 2000. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve an upgrade for Jay Driscoll to a grade 16 effective January 10 or 17, 2000 (starting date of newly hired Economist). Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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Nancy McCaffree, Acting Chair  
Gary Feland, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE  
Robin McHugh, Scott Fabel

(539) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D99.4.111 – Ronan Telephone – Request for Exemption; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve an Order on Reconsideration Denying the Petition and closing the docket. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)